

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims according to the following listing of the claims.

1 – 10. (canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method for simultaneously filtering and[[/or]] stabilizing an aqueous liquid comprising the step of passing a suspension consisting of a discontinuous phase and a continuous phase through a porous filter medium at a constant flow rate wherein polymer powders comprising

- (a) from 20 to 95% by weight of at least one thermoplastic polymer from the group consisting of polyolefins and polyamides,
- (b) from 80 to 5% by weight of at least one further substance selected from the group consisting of silicates, carbonates, oxides, silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth and crosslinked polyvinylactams, and mixtures thereof

perform as filter aids and[[/or]] stabilizers for filtering and[[/or]] stabilizing an aqueous liquid, the polymer powders being obtained by compounding the thermoplastic polymers (a) and the further substances (b) in an extruder.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the substance set forth under (b) is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal carbonates or alkaline earth metal carbonates, alkali metal hydrogencarbonates or alkaline earth metal hydrogencarbonates, the oxides or mixed oxides of subgroup 4 or main group 3, crosslinked polyvinylactams and mixtures thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the substance set forth under (b) is crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone ~~polyvinylpolypyrrolidone~~ (PVPP).

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the substance set forth under (b) is selected from the group consisting of crosslinked ~~polyvinylpolypyrrolidone~~ polyvinylpyrrolidone, TiO<sub>2</sub>, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, KHCO<sub>3</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>,

silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth, bentonite and mixtures thereof.

16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)
19. (Currently Amended) A ~~process~~ method as claimed in claim ~~[[16]]~~11, wherein the aqueous liquid is a liquid selected from the group consisting of fruit juice drinks and fermented beverages.
20. (Currently Amended) A ~~process~~ method as claimed in claim ~~[[16]]~~11, wherein the aqueous liquid is beer.
21. (Currently Amended) A ~~process~~ method as claimed in claim ~~[[16]]~~11, wherein the polymer powders used have a mean particle size of from 1 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ .
22. (Currently Amended) A ~~process~~ method as claimed in claim ~~[[16]]~~11, wherein the particles of the polymer powders used are not spheroidal.
23. (Canceled)
24. (Canceled)
25. (Canceled)
26. (Canceled)
27. (Canceled)
28. (New) A method comprising passing a suspension consisting of a discontinuous phase and a continuous phase through a filter medium in the presence of a composition obtained by compounding from 20 to 95% by weight of at least one thermoplastic polymer from the group consisting of polyolefins and polyamides, and from 80 to 5% by weight of at least one further substance selected from the group consisting of silicates, carbonates, oxides, silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth and crosslinked polyvinylactams, and mixtures thereof.